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E.O. 12065: XDS-1 3-17-99 (AMSTUTZ, J. BRUCE) OR-M

TAGS: ASEC, PINS, CASC, AF

SUBJ: (LOU) SITUATION AT HERAT

REF: KABUL 2016

1. (C- ENTIRE TEXT)

2. ACCORDING TO A MARCH 17 REPORT FROM THE
AT HERAT, INFORMATION FROM WHICH WAS PROVIDED TO US BY THE

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SITUATION AT HERAT REMAINS TENSE.

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3. [] REPORTED THAT ISOLATED FIRING AND AERIAL "BOMBARDMENT" BY GOVERNMENT PLANES CONTINUED UNTIL MARCH 16. ELECTRICITY AND WATER HAVE BEEN CUT OFF SINCE MARCH 15. B1

4. ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 17, THE REGIME RELAXED SLIGHTLY A CURFEW WHICH HAD BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE MARCH 15 IN ORDER TO PERMIT CHILDREN TO LEAVE THEIR HOUSES TO BUY FOOD FOR THEIR FAMILIES. MILITARY LOUDSPEAKER CARS PATROLLED THE STREETS, WARNING THAT ANY ADULT SEEN OUTSIDE DURING THIS SPECIAL PERIOD WOULD BE SHOT ON SIGHT.

5. [] REPORTS THAT 2,000 TO 2,500 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED IN HERAT SINCE MARCH 15. HE HAS ONLY SEEN UNIFORMED FORCES FIGHTING CIVILIANS. HE HAS NOT WITNESSED ANY FIGHTING BETWEEN UNIFORMED UNITS. B1

6. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE FIVE AMERICANS AND THE OTHER FOREIGNERS AT HERAT. AMSTUTZ

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